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DECISION ON

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.181

In re Application of
Ray Davenport et al
Application No.: 10/552,531 ✓
PCT No.: PCT/EP2004/050443
Int. Filing Date: 05 April 2004
Priority Date: 14 April 2003
Attorney Docket No.: PC/3-22342/A/PCT
For: PROCESS FOR RENDERING SLUDGES
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This decision is in response to the "COMMUNICATION" received 28 September 2007, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting the transfer of certain papers from application 10/552,530 to application 10/552,531 because the USPTO stamped postcard had the wrong application number on it.

BACKGROUND

On 11 October 2005, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, inter alia, the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), a copy of the international application. The application papers were assigned serial number No.: 10/552,531.

The USPTO, however, stamped the return postcard with the Application Serial Number No.: 10/552,530. Applicants used this serial number to file application papers until August 30, 2007.

On 28 September 2007, applicants filed this petition requesting that the papers incorrectly filed in application 10/552,530, which were meant for application 10/552,531 be transferred accordingly.

DISCUSSION

A review of the file reveals that certain papers that were intended for application 10/552,531 were mistakenly filed in application 10/552,530 because the USPTO inadvertently stamped the return postcard with the wrong application serial number.

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